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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Don R. Donovan et al.

Application No.: 09/992,959

Filed: November 16, 2001

For: TECHNIQUES FOR
SYNTHESIZING AND DISTRIBUTING
PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 6652

Examiner: Matthew S. Gart

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3625

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 27, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-21, drawn to a method for synthesizing and distributing personal care products in a retail environment.

The foregoing election is made with traverse. Examination of the subject matter recited in the claims of Groups I-II would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 1-35 together in the present case.

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Response dated October 7, 2004
Reply to Rest. Req. of May 27, 2004

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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